



Monthly Meeting Agenda

Commission on Veterans and Military Families (Howard County)

Thursday, October 3, 2019; 7pm – 8:30pm

9830 Patuxent Woods Drive, Columbia, Maryland 21046

7:00 pm – Chair convenes the meeting

1) Establishment of Quorum

Last Name	First Name	P/A/E	Role
Jolissaint	Greg		Chair
Branch	Jonathan		Co-Chair
Anthony	Jennifer		Commissioner
Avery	Reg		Commissioner
Bolen	Steve		Commissioner
Blum	Mike		Commissioner
Gillette	Bob		Commissioner
Lowell	Bob		Commissioner
Moore	Bob		Commissioner
Porterfield	Craig		Commissioner

2) Other Key Commission Personnel in Attendance

Last Name	First Name	P/A/E	Role
Terry	Lisa		Commission Administrator
Hall	Ed		Chair, JMMC

3) Acknowledgement of Special Guests in Attendance

4) Special Presentations: Military Corps Career Connect (C3), Denise Bordeaux

5) Consideration of and/or Corrections/Edits/Approval of September 2019 Commission Minutes

6) Old Business:

- a. Brief Report/Feedback/Final Status of the Howard County Veteran-owned Small Business Certification initiative (Craig Porterfield)
- b. Update on the Veteran Friendly Business Program (new businesses added since September Commission Meeting – Mike Blum)



c. Update on Veteran Parking Initiative (Mike Blum)

d. Status of recommendation letters supporting US Congressional Gold Medal Award Recognition for US Army 6888th Postal Unit (Bob Gillette, Steve Bolen, and Lisa Terry)

e. Electronic vote in June 2019 to add the HCCVMF **Distinguished Service Award** to the Commission's Award options (passed unanimously) – Greg Jolissaint

****The DSA is a superior level of award compared to the HCCVMF Appreciation Plaque (which is a 6" x 8" wooden plaque that acknowledges an individual [or an organization] for demonstrating a strong commitment to supporting Howard County veterans and military families through loyal and repetitive service). The DSA is presented as a 10" x 12" wooden plaque emblazoned with a HCCVMF logo and containing an engraved recognition inscription.***

****The DSA is subordinate to the HCCVMF Lifetime Achievement Award (which formally recognizes extraordinary and sustained support for Veterans and Military families; the Lifetime Achievement Award also awards individuals that demonstrate an unwavering commitment to honoring those who have served in the Armed Forces of the United States and to their family members, as well as, to the mission of the Howard County Commission for Veterans and Military Families, for a period of ten or more years).***

f. Electronic vote in June 2019 to award the HCCVMF Distinguished Service Award to **Howard T. Mooney, Jr., Past Chair of the HCCVMF, and Janice Agazio, Former Commissioner for the HCCVMF** (both passed unanimously) – Greg Jolissaint

***NOTE:** These two awards were presented to Howard Mooney and Janice Agazio at the end of the June 2019 HCCVMF meeting.*

7) New Business:

a. Foundation and Monument Update (Bob Gillette)

b. Update on Veterans Day HoCo Schools Presentation Program 2019 (Bob Moore)

c. Update on Howard County Veterans Day Parade, November 10, 9:30 am start time; Columbia Mall and Columbia Lakes (Bob Gillette; Lisa Terry; Ed Hall). Vendors, tables and participants register at <https://www.howardcountyveterans.org/parade/>

***NOTE:** The theme for this year's Parade will be "The Citizen Soldier" to honor those who have served and who have returned home to give back to their community through volunteer work or other service*

d. Update on Grand Marshall Recommendations for Veterans Day Parade (Greg Jolissaint)



e. Update on Spring 2020 Veterans Resource Fair Planning (Lisa Terry)

NOTE: *The Fair will be held at the Howard County Community College (HCCC) Galleria on 21 April from 1600 to 1900 hours*

f. Other JMMC Items of Importance (Ed Hall)

g. Status of Commissioner Applications (Lisa Terry)

h. Other New Business Not Yet Discussed (Commissioners; Meeting Attendees)

8) Announcements (Commissioners; Meeting Attendees)

Next Commission Meetings -- November 7; December 5* (1st Thursdays)

Voices of Vets Fundraiser – Monday, Oct 7, 6:30pm 18th and 21st Restaurant, Columbia.
Buy tickets at <https://www.voicesofvetsinc.com/tickets-2nd-annual-voiceraiser>

U.S. Flag Retirement Ceremony – Saturday 12 October at 1200 hours, Yingling-Ridgely VFW & Auxiliary Post 7472 (4225 VFW Ln, Ellicott City, MD)

Navy Birthday -- October 13, 1775 (Sunday in 2019)

Mental Health Film Festival – Wednesday 23 October; hosted by the Horizon Foundation; will include one film that features Veterans suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). Register at <https://www.thehorizonfoundation.org/2019-mental-health-film-festival/>

Howard Community College Veterans Breakfast and Recognition Event -- Thursday 7 November, 10:30 am. This event will be held in the Galleria with breakfast starting at 0900 hours and the ceremony starting at 1030 hours.

Fort Meade Veterans Day event – Friday November 8, 1pm

Marine Corps Birthday -- November 10, 1775 (Sunday in 2019)

Veterans Day Parade, Columbia Mall – Sunday November 10, 2019, 9:30 am

Others?

9) Adjournment (Chair)